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E.O. 12065: GDS 02/17/88 (PAGANELLI, ROBERT P.) OR-M
TAGS: PEPR, SY, IS, US
SUBJECT: REPORT ON SENATOR GLENN'S VISIT TO THE GOLAN HEIGHTS

REF: FBIS TA162001

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. WE WERE DISTURBED TO SEE REF FBIS ITEM REPORTING THAT SENATOR GLENN TOURED THE GOLAN HEIGHTS YESTERDAY AS A GUEST OF THE IDF AND NOTING THAT THE SENATOR WAS THE FIRST PROMINENT U.S. FIGURE TO VISIT THE GOLAN SINCE THE KNESSET LEGISLATION DEC. 14. IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT DEPARTMENT WAS ACTIVELY DISCOURAGING CONGRESSIONAL VISITORS FROM VISITING THE GOLAN. VISITS SUCH AS THIS CAN ONLY LEAD TO FURTHER STRAINS IN US-

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SYRIAN RELATIONS AND TEND TO REINFORCE THE BELIEF ON THE PART OF THE SARG THAT WE ARE NOT SERIOUSLY OPPOSED TO ISRAEL'S UNILATERAL ACTION.

3. REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT ADVISE US ON ITS POSITION REGARDING SUCH VISITS. PAGANELLI

END OF MESSAGE

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